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Title: POLYVALENT, PRIMARY HIV-1 GLYCOPROTEIN DNA
VACCINES AND VACCINATION METHODS

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

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Under 35 USC §119(e)(1), this application claims the benefit of priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/430,732, filed on December 3, 2002, and to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/503,907, filed on September 17, 2003, the entire contents of both of which are herein incorporated by reference.

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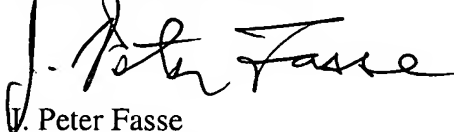
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